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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 5, please replace the paragraph starting at line 10 with the following:

Advantageously, when assembled the L-shaped rails 11, 12 each has a top, vertically oriented flange 21 and a bottom, horizontally oriented flange 22. Having the horizontally oriented flange 22 of the rails on the bottom allows for improved downward bending strength which is the same as the direction of loading when the body is resting on the casket bed frame 10. In addition, the bottom flanges 22 of each of the L-shaped rails 11, 12 overlap in an area adjacent the L-shaped openings ~~[[10]]~~20, which increases the stability of the interlocking connection. Although rails with L-shaped cross-sections are preferred for the above-listed reasons, rails with other shapes having ends tailored to interlock could be used so as to achieve quick assembly with the use of tools.